

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In some embodiments, an example of which is shown in FIG. 2, the grip 10 includes a hub or dam 16 adjacent to the first end 12. At least a portion of the hub 16 has a diameter larger than the diameter of the grip body 18. In at least one embodiment such as is shown in FIG. 3 the a stent 20 or other implantable medical device may be positioned adjacent to or butted up against an inner surface 22 of the hub 16 when the stent is disposed about the grip body 18 prior to expansion of the stent.